

REMARKS

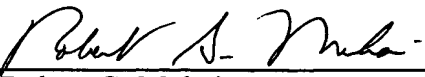
In the Official Action, the Examiner allowed independent claim 1 and rejected independent claim 2 and the claims depending therefrom under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. It was the Examiner's position that due to the cancellation of the recitation relating to the contact angle of a non-image area of the anodic oxidation coating after a developing process being not more than 20° in the prior Amendment, the claims related to subject matter that was not originally disclosed in the specification.

While applicant does not agree with the Examiner's assessment, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the present application, claim 2 has been amended to substantively restore the aforementioned recitation of the contact angle. Since such amendment is believed to effectively meet the sole rejection set forth in the Action, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and accordingly requests a formal notification with the next Official Action.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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